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## **Shays-Meehan Coalition Prevents Consideration of Campaign Finance Reform**

WASHINGTON, DC – Rep. John Shadegg (R-AZ), Chairman of the House Republican Study Committee (RSC), a group of over 70 House conservatives, released the following statement after the Shays-Meehan Coalition and the Democratic Caucus voted against bringing up the Shays-Meehan Campaign Finance Reform Bill:

“The decision by the Shays-Meehan Coalition and the Democratic Party Leadership to prevent the House from taking up campaign finance reform legislation was a clear indication that Mr. Shays and Mr. Meehan did not have the votes to pass their proposal.

“The rule for debate that the Shays-Meehan Coalition defeated was imminently fair. The legislation introduced by Mr. Shays and Mr. Meehan was made the base text for all debate and they were permitted to offer every single last minute change that they requested.

“For months the Coalition has demanded that the House vote on the Shays-Meehan proposal, however faced with the possibility that a majority of the Congress opposed their legislation, they decided to prevent it from being considered at all. This course of action means that the House will not immediately consider their proposal and the two other competing proposals.

“The House has a number of pressing priorities including a patients’ bill of rights, energy legislation and the annual appropriations bills that fund the government. Because of the actions of Mr. Shays and Mr. Meehan it is uncertain when the House will again be able to consider campaign finance reform.

“I know that the members of the Republican Study Committee and the Republican House Leadership are committed to a meaningful and thorough debate on the various campaign reform proposals.”

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